

# United Arab Emirates 2026

## Public holiday calendar

| Date        | Day      | Holiday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Type           |
|-------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Jan 1       | Thursday | New Year's Day                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Public holiday |
| Mar 19 - 22 |          | Eid al-Fitr<br>The FAHR / MoHRE announcement (Feb 23, 2026) set the break at Mar 19-22 for both sectors. Ramadan lasted the full 30 days (the Shawwal crescent was not sighted on Mar 18), so Eid day itself is Friday Mar 20; Mar 19 is the extra 30th-day-of-Ramadan holiday. Work resumes Monday Mar 23. | Public holiday |
| May 26      | Tuesday  | Arafat Day<br>Dhu al-Hijjah 9, 1447 AH, confirmed by the Hajj and Umrah authorities' calendar for 2026. It falls on a Tuesday, and Eid al-Adha follows immediately.                                                                                                                                         | Public holiday |
| May 27 - 29 |          | Eid al-Adha<br>Dhu al-Hijjah 10-12. With Arafat Day on Tuesday, the three Eid days (Wed-Fri May 27-29) create a 6-day break when the weekend is included - the longest of 2026.                                                                                                                             | Public holiday |
| Jun 15      | Monday   | Islamic New Year (Al Hijri)<br>Muharram 1, 1448 AH corresponds to Tuesday Jun 16 on the Umm al-Qura calendar. The UAE officially declared Monday Jun 15 a public holiday for both sectors, so the break lands on the weekend edge - Sat Jun 13 to Mon Jun 15. Work resumes Tuesday Jun 16.                  | Public holiday |
| Aug 25      | Tuesday  | Prophet Muhammad's Birthday (Mawlid)<br>Rabi al-Awwal 12, 1448 AH (Umm al-Qura calendar). It falls on Tuesday Aug 25 - in the middle of the week, so the Cabinet may still move it to a Monday or Friday closer to the date; check the official announcement.                                               | Public holiday |
| Nov 30      | Monday   | Commemoration Day<br>Commemoration Day is always Nov 30. In 2026 it falls on a Monday, so no Cabinet move is needed - a convenient single-day break.                                                                                                                                                        | Public holiday |
| Dec 2 - 3   |          | UAE National Day<br>Dec 2-3 is a fixed Gregorian holiday (union of the Emirates, 1971). In 2026 it falls on Wednesday and Thursday; the Saturday-Sunday weekend follows, so booking Friday Dec 4 off turns it into a five-day break.                                                                        | Public holiday |